

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Specification and the Abstract as follows.

Page 1, please amend the paragraph under the heading "Reference to Related Applications":

**REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

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This application claims priority of United States Provisional Patent Applications: ~~Serial Nos. 60/135,216, filed on May 21, 1999, and~~ Serial No. 60/141,496, filed on June 28, 1999, Serial No. 60/155,104, filed on September 22, 1999, and Serial No. 60/183,144, filed on February 17, 2000. The contents of these provisional applications ~~is~~ are hereby incorporated by reference. Furthermore, this application is filed as a continuation-in-part of United States patent application Serial No. 09/343,409, filed on June 30, 1999, issued on January 23, 2001 as U.S. Patent 6,177,566.

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Please amend the Abstract per the replacement Abstract attached: